

Operations Security

A program designed to protect information

In World War II, the Army would censor mail going to loved ones. They would black out sentences containing information that related to operations in the country.

This practice continued in Korea and in Vietnam, however with today's technology it's not practical to censor all communications. Email and cellular phones allow frequent communication between soldier and loved ones.

But I'm not a soldier, I'm a spouse, what information do I know?

The name of your Soldier's unit.

When they are coming home

Type of unit (Engineer, Armor, MP, Infantry)

What your Soldier is doing (i.e.. patrolling in Najaf, daily convoy's to Kuwait)

The unit's location (i.e. Baghdad, Tikrit)

What can I do?

- Know who you are talking to. Don't discuss information with just anyone.

--Fact: Several family members have received phone calls from individuals asking:

- What do you think of the war?
- What does your Soldier do?
- What is name of his/her unit?

- Be careful where you talk about your Soldier.

--Fact: When one of the BDEs was returning, spouses were discussing date, time and location of the unit's flights at the checkout lines in local business establishments.

- Watch what you display.



-- To you this sticker means you miss your loved one, to a criminal it shows that you are home alone.

Protect Yourself and Your Soldier
Watch what you say, Watch what you do.